



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

October 3, 1997

H.R. 2358

Political Freedom in China Act of 1997

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on September 29, 1997*

H.R. 2358 would authorize appropriations of \$2.2 million each year in 1998 and 1999 to fund additional personnel at diplomatic posts in China to monitor human rights. Assuming appropriations of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would raise outlays in each year by the amount of the authorization. Because H.R. 2358 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill does not contain any intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The authorization in this bill would be in addition to amounts provided in other legislation. H.R. 1757, as passed by the House of Representatives on June 11, 1997, would authorize \$1,747 million each year in 1998 and 1999 for diplomatic and consular activities. Together, H.R. 2358 and H.R. 1757 would raise annual funding for comparable activities by \$47 million over the amount provided in 1997.

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